



## **Office of Mayor Jerry Sanders**

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### **Mayor Sanders Reappoints Thomas DiZinno, Bennett Peji, and Randy S. Robbins to the Commission for Arts & Culture**

San Diego – Mayor Jerry Sanders has reappointed Thomas DiZinno, Bennett Peji, and Randy S. Robbins to the Commission for Arts & Culture, subject to City Council confirmation. Each of these Commissioners has served the City well and embody the experience and subject matter expertise that is helpful in advancing the work of the Commission. Each will serve a two year term expiring August 31, 2008.

Tom DiZinno brings an eclectic mix of community and professional involvement to the Commission which includes roles as the Secretary of the Little Italy Association; Partner in Brainweave, an ideation company; SDPD Reserve Sergeant; and a partner in Learning Points, training business executives on protection and security issues. He developed the Art + Sol concept for the San Diego Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Precious Cheese public art project for Little Italy. Mr. DiZinno has numerous civic commitments and has served as the Vice President of the San Diego Opera board and earned the Paula Sullivan Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Diego Ad Club. Mr. DiZinno has served as a Commissioner since 2006.

Bennett Peji is the principal of Bennett Peji Design, a firm with 19 years experience in branding and architectural graphics design. He is a board member of the Asian Business Association and co-founder and regent of the Baja California Missions Foundation. In addition he is the recipient of the 2005 Arts, Business and Culture Award from the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce, the 2004 Outstanding Professional of the Year Award from the Filipino-American Chamber of Commerce and the 2004 Asian Heritage Award for Cultural Preservation from Asia Media. Mr. Peji has served on the Commission since 2004.

Randy S. Robbins is an Architect and principal at Austin Veum Robbins Parshalle, a San Diego based firm with branch offices in Los Angeles and Tijuana. Mr. Robbins has twenty-seven years

of experience in architecture and interior design and has won numerous design awards. He is the current Treasurer and past President of the Board of Installation Gallery, the sponsor of inSITE, a binational program dedicated to commissioning new work by artists from the Americas in public places for the San Diego/Tijuana region. Mr. Robbins has also served as a director on the San Diego Architectural Foundation. He has served as a Commissioner since 2002.

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